

COUNTRY Austria Approved For Release 2002/07/15 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001300440003-6TOPIC Aspern Airfield and Military Post

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REMARKS

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1. Aircraft observed at Aspern (P 49/X 49) from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 19 March included: 26 MiG-15s; 4 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with wings in slight dihedral, two seats arranged in tandem, a plump fuselage, single rudder assembly elevator assembly set in the middle of the rudder assembly, and two-bladed propellers; 2 biplanes; and 9 Pe-2s. There was no flying at the field in fair weather and an easterly wind of about 20 km/hour. Two MiG-15s crossed the field from east to west. There was no change in the status of the fuel dump West. Six AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzle were emplaced in the southwestern corner of the field. Maintenance work was being done on trucks parked near the garages by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Some small van-like trucks with hinged sideboards were observed.

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Officers wearing blue service color, red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered red epaulets were seen near the flight control station.

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2. The komendatura in Aspern was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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the latter towing a trailer and all of them with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, hauled billeting equipment to the Stadlau (P 49/X 49) railroad station. driver with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, and and jeeps the drivers of which wore black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen in front of the komendatura. The building at 4 Siegesplatz appeared to have been vacated by the Soviets. A few soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were seen at this building.

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drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were parked in the yard of the officers' club. Billeting equipment was being

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trucked from the garage on Lobaugasse to the Stadlau railroad station.

3. No activities were observed near Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf (P 49/X 59). Trucks

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hauling billeting equipment to the former Altersheim (home for aged people).

4. Between 9 and 11 a.m., billeting equipment loaded on trucks arrived at the Stadlau railroad station. driver with black-bordered blue epaulets and occupied by officers who wore blue service color, was also seen there.

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Comment. The report indicates that there was no change in the occupation of Aspern airfield. It is not clear where the bomber regiment moved. Only 24 Pe-2s were observed in Deutsch Wagram. According to unconfirmed information, Zwölfaxing airfield which was previously occupied by a bomber regiment was vacated in mid-March. On 17 March 1953, 13 unidentified aircraft, probably conventional piston planes were seen on Wiener Neustadt airfield. Further information is needed to clarify the distribution of Soviet bomber units in Austria. The haulage of billeting equipment to the Altersheim in Gross Enzersdorf cannot be explained. It may possibly be connected with an intended reoccupation of the local airfield.

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